

Question on Notice
No. 760
Asked on 16 August 2022

MR S O'CONNOR ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM, INNOVATION AND SPORT AND MINISTER ASSISTING THE PREMIER ON OLYMPICS AND PARALYMPICS SPORT AND ENGAGEMENT (HON S HINCHLIFFE) —

QUESTION:

With reference to Estimates hearings, the Director-General confirmed \$331.5m of the \$755m funding under the Advance Queensland banner has been or is currently being administered and expended by the Innovation Department—

Will the Minister provide a full breakdown of how this funding has been allocated and a breakdown of the remaining funding, including the departments involved in administering it and the projects it has supported?

ANSWER:

Advance Queensland (AQ) is the Palaszczuk Government's future vision for and investment in a strong Queensland economy. This significant innovation initiative is supporting programs and activities that drive innovation, build on our natural advantages, and help raise our profile as an attractive investment destination.

During the 2022 Estimates hearing the Director-General, Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport (DTIS) incorrectly advised the Economics and Governance Committee (EGC) that out of a total of the \$320.5 million there was a total of \$331.5 million financially committed for the DTIS innovation budget.

On 5 August 2022, the Minister for Tourism, Innovation and Sport and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympics and Paralympics Sport and Engagement wrote to the EGC to clarify that the correct figure was \$311.5 million out of \$320.5 million.

Since its conception in 2015, AQ has always been a suite of programs and activities which spans multiple departments and agencies across government with DTIS as the lead coordinating agency. The Government has never shied away from this, in fact we embrace it - because innovation is not a limited field, it exists across Government agencies and the economy.

As an example, if there is a biomedical opportunity it may be best placed for it to be run by Queensland Health and similarly if it is an emerging priority industry it may be best for it to sit with the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning.

The following table which shows the AQ budget is fully allocated, provides an overview of all AQ implementing agencies and key programs administered:

AQ Implementing agencies and key programs	Budget
Department of Agriculture and Fisheries - Technology Commercialisation Fund Project	\$2.7 million
Department of Education - Global Schools through Languages - Schools of the Future: A Strategy for STEM in Qld State Schools	\$10.4 million
Department of Employment, Small Business and Training - Advancing Small Business Queensland Strategy - Business Growth Fund - Mentoring for Growth - Small Business Grant programs	\$24.7 million
Department of Environment and Science - Research Infrastructure Co-Investment Fund - Qld-Chinese Academy of Sciences Collaborative Science Fund - Engaging Queenslanders in Science Strategy - Engaging Science Grants	\$32.7 million
Department of the Premier and Cabinet - Advance Queensland Industry Attraction Fund	\$150 million
Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning - Industry Roadmaps - Queensland Hydrogen Industry Development Strategy	\$66.3 million
Queensland Health - Integrated Care Innovation Fund - Queensland Genomics Health Alliance	\$60 million
Queensland Treasury - Business Development Fund - Cairns Innovation Centre	\$90 million
Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport - Ignite Ideas - Industry Research Fellowships - The Precinct - UQ COVID Vaccine - Office of the Qld Chief Entrepreneur - Regional Futures	\$320.5 million